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USE OF CNG
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted with regard to use of CNG Technology in Buses and other vehicles;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints in regard to the manufacturing defects in CNG Buses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government propose to get the defects removed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GEN.(RETD KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b): Based on study of the Expert Committee of the Ministry, interaction with various Experts in field, and taking into account norms prevalent in other countries, a Notification was issued on 12.10.1999, inviting suggestions/comments from public. A number of suggestions were received and taking these into account, the Type Approval and emission norms for use of CNG in motor vehicles were framed on 09-02-2000. Updating of CNG Technology is a continuous ongoing process. The updated norms have been Notified on 19.11.2001.

(c) to (e): This Ministry has not received any formalcomplaint in regard to manufacturing defects in CNG buses.However, after a series of fire accidents involving CNG buses in Delhi, there has been interaction between Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), Government of NCT of Delhi, bus manufacturers, testing agencies and Ministry of Road Transport & HighwaysDTC have reported some operational problems relating to gas leakage, starting/ ignition problem, radiator/ clutch/ accelerator problems etc. in respect of CNG buses which are being attended to by the bus manufacturers.The bus manufacturers have also conducted several training programmes for DTC and private operators and technicians in this regard.